IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA SAVANNAH DIVISION

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| Petitioner, |) | |
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| V. |) | CASE NO. CV419-113 |
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| SAM OLSEN, Attorney General, |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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ORDER

Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (Doc. 3), to which objections have been filed (Doc. 15). After a careful de novo review of the record, the Court concludes that Petitioner's objections are without merit. Accordingly, the report and recommendation is ADOPTED as the Court's opinion in this case. As a result, Petitioner's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition is DISMISSED as successive and Petitioner's Motion Finding Facts and Conclusion Law (Doc. 2) is DENIED AS MOOT. Further, any claims for monetary damages, as asserted in the context of his habeas petition, should be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

In addition, the Court **DECLINES** to issue a Certificate of Appealability ("COA") in this case. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), an appeal may not be taken in this matter

unless the court first issues a COA. This certificate may issue only if Petitioner has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484, 120 S. Ct. 1595, 1603-04, 146 L. Ed. 2d 542 (2000). The Court has carefully considered Petitioner's case and finds that he cannot meet the above standard. As a result, any request by Petitioner for leave to appeal in forma pauperis would be moot. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to close this case.

SO ORDERED this 16 day of September 2019.

WILLIAM T. MOORE, C

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA